

Marshfield Planning Commission

Thursday, September 1st, 2016

Members Present: Faeterri Silver, Jon Groveman, Robert Light(Z.A), Melissa Seifert, Ivan Shadis

Meeting opened at 7:00pm

1. Changes to the Agenda.

Faeterri Silver moves that 'Comments on the Agency of Natural Resources workshop' be added to the agenda.

2. Approve Minutes

Approval of minutes for June 16th and May 19th are deferred until the next meeting of the Planning Commission as copies of those minutes are needed.

Faeterri Silver moves that the May 19th minutes should be amended to reflect the changes that were made during that meeting to change the word "strains" to "examples of development that do not represent rural character" on page 3 of the 'input from guests' record of comments from the Planning Commissions public forum.

Planning Commission members unanimously vote that this amendment be made.

3. Reports

The Zoning Administrator(ZA) reports to the Planning Commission on issues related to permitting around the big sugar house being built on Rt. 2

ZA reports to the Planning Commission on issues related to permitting around the new Hollister Hill apartment complex.

ZA reports that Bickfords Quarry is in violation of the footprint it is permitted under ACT 250

Ivan Shadis reports that he was made a member of the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission, representing the town of Marshfield, by a vote of that body on June 14th 2016. He reports that he expects to join a committee of that body which reviews Town Plans, and hopes there will be gain from this material that will be informative and useful to the efforts of the Marshfield Planning Commission.

4. Comments on the Agency of Natural Resources workshop

Faeterri Silver reports that she and Ivan Shadis of the Marshfield Planning Commission as well as Steve Fiske of the Marshfield Conservation Commission attended the Agency of Natural Resources 'NR2' pilot on June 28th.

Silver says that the pilot covered techniques and strategies for getting people involved, which is

pertinent to the Marshfield Planning Commissions present efforts to encourage participation in its zoning forums.

4. Upcoming Meeting with Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission (CC) wants Village Designation to aid in securing a municipal grant.

CC is seeking a municipal grant to do a wildlife inventory.
PC wants the same grant for its own purposes.

Ivan Shadis will inquire with Bonnie Waninger of CVRPC to see if there are other funding options available for the CC wildlife inventory instead of the mutually desired but exclusively awarded municipal grant.

The CC has requested that the PC not schedule events in conflict with their scheduled events, as was the case with the PCs last public forum.

5. Next Steps with Potential Zoning Amendments

Progress towards attaining Village Designation has been furthered through approval by the select-board and the CVRPC.

The map should be amended to include the Red Door Bakery in the Village Designation, moreover the map should be scrutinized to check if other corrections need to be made.

Time will be put aside during the next meeting to make a timeline for moving forward with the zoning process and come up with ideas for eliciting public involvement.

PC members will check for events at which volunteers may seek involvement in the PC zoning revision process.

A cheat sheet for volunteers to use in their outreach efforts should be created.

Melissa Seifert will be responsible for compiling the list of events.

Jon Groveman will draft a letter to the CVRPC asking for a mock map to be drawn up.

Ivan Shadis will get footage of the forum from CVTV

6. Town Plan Approval

The Town Plan has come due and in order to get it approved we need to make some slight updates, including those to bring it into compliance with State mandates.

Members of the PC will come to the next meeting with ideas for how the Town Plan ought to be updated.

Time will be put aside during the next meeting to address the Town Plan updates.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm